

Weston Town Committee for the Oversight of the Lachat Property

MINUTES

November 5, 2013

Present: Committee Members: Ellen McCormick (chair), Amy Kalafa, Paul Deysenroth, Nicholas Bell, Michelle Fracasso, Judy Saffan

Presided By: Ellen McCormick,

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

A. Gayle Weinstein attended our meeting this evening. Discussions on: any signed contracts for the restoration of the house. Bob Haatch said that at the present nothing was signed but that it was in the hands of Rack Gleason and the health department. We also learned that CL&P wasn't cooperating by returning phone calls so that we could find out about digging the line trenches at the same time we do the foundation of the house. It would all be in the interest of saving time and money if that can be arranged.

We asked Gayle if it would be at all possible to fast-track the Lachat approval process in P&Z and Conservation by having more than one meeting a month. Gayle wasn't sure that was possible but would check.

We asked about the mowing of the field. She said she would ask Tom Landry to get someone to do it. Brian Taylor is apparently the person who will do it for \$900.00. We needed to know if that was both fields or just the bottom field.

Ellen told Gayle that the heaters have been purchased and will arrive soon in order to get heat in the house for the workers and to dry it out from further moisture.

Amy asked Gayle about an RFP for a farmer and Gayle mentioned it would be a few more months before we can even think about hiring anyone. We have to get through the approval process first. That goes for spring planting and community gardens as well.

Gayle also mentioned that the sign should be a small one that fits into the neighborhood.

It was suggested that we have a meeting with Dave Unger and/or Michelle Albright of Parks and Rec and Youth Services respectively. Ellen will make an appointment to discuss their potential involvement in programming and running them in the future.

Talk about the CT Dept. of Ag. Viability Grant ensued. It's due on December 15th and Michelle Fracasso said she would take the lead on that with help from others. We also talked about other companies to contact for grants such as Newman's Own, Terrain, whole Foods, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30 PM in Town Hall.

(Minutes submitted by Ellen McCormick.)